into a few thousand and that these papers are running in huge losses; and

(b) if so, what is the actual Circulation of these news papers in various cities, from where their editions are being published stating the manner in which the losses are being met and the steps contemplated to minimise the losses?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) and (b) Details of circulation are given in Statement (*See* below) it is not possible to indicate the losses of newspapers as no such information is maintained.

Statement

As per information available in the Office of the Registrar of Newspapers for India the circulation details for the year **1989-90**, *as accepted by the Registrar of Newspapers for India for the purpose of allocation of News print.*

Name of the Newspaper	Average circulation per publishing day during 1989-90.
1. Qaumi Awaz, Urdu daily, Delhi	27,186
2. Qaumi Awaz, Urdu Daily, Lucknow	29.052
3. Qaumi Awaz, Urdudaily, Patna	17,239
4. Navjiwan, Hindi daily, Lucknow	19,317
5. National Herald, English daily, Lucknow	34,828
6. National Herald, English daily, Delhi	37,941

Purchasing of new offset printing Machine and itek Machine by M/s. Associate Journals Ltd.

2324. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently a New Offset Printing Machine and Itek Machine was purchased by M/s. Associate Journals Ltd. from the U.S.A. worth several lakhs; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the cost involved and the source from which the funds were received to meet the expenditure?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Recepit of money by M/s. Associate Jonrnals Ltd. from M/s. Ambanis, etc.

2325. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that M/s. Associate Journals Ltd., received rupees seven crores from M/s Ambanis and rupees three crores from Shri Amitabh Bachchan, to meet the Government dues on account of E. S. I. , provident Fund Salary and gratuity of their Employees at Delhi Bhopal, Madras, Bombay and Lucknow; and

(b) if not, what are the sources from which the heavy dues were paid during the last four years?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA):